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Mebane Man Arrested on Robbery Charges

A Mebane man arrested last week has been charged with committing several robberies during a two-day period. The man – Derrick Lamont Shuler, 35, of Mebane – has been placed in Durham County Jail without bond.

Shuler was charged in connection with the following cases:

- **March 4 – Parking lot of 5386 New Hope Commons Drive.** A female was sitting in her car around 6:30 p.m. when a male approached her and asked for \$3. The male then pulled a gun and demanded more money. He took the victim's purse but dropped the purse after a witness came to help the victim. The male then grabbed a purse from another female in the parking lot but he dropped the purse when a witness started to chase him. Shuler was charged with attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon, possession of stolen goods, assault by pointing a gun and misdemeanor larceny.
- **March 4 – ATM at PNC Bank, 3412 Westgate Drive.** A female was using the ATM when a male with a gun in his jacket approached her around 7:40 p.m. and demanded money and the keys to her vehicle. He took cash from the victim and fled in her Dodge Avenger. The car was found wrecked a short time later on Buchanan Boulevard near Maxwell Avenue. Shuler was charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon, communicating threats, possession of a stolen vehicle and possession of stolen property.
- **March 5 – BP convenience store, 1002 North Alston Avenue.** A female got out of her car to purchase some items in the store. A male with a gun entered the store, grabbed a purse from a 9-year-old girl and demanded the keys to the female's car. He then pointed the gun at two juveniles in the car and demanded that they get out of the vehicle. He took the vehicle, which was allegedly used in a robbery an hour later on West Main Street. Shuler was charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon, larceny of a motor vehicle and assault by pointing a gun.
- **March 5 – BP convenience store, 1922 West Main Street.** A male entered the business around 1:40 a.m., pointed a gun at the clerk and grabbed cash from the register. The male fled in a stolen Dodge SUV that was later found abandoned on Anderson Street near Duke Gardens. Shuler was charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon and assault by pointing a gun.
- **March 5 – Dollar General, 2000 Chapel Hill Road.** A male took a cab to the Dollar General, where he robbed an employee at gunpoint shortly before 8:30 a.m. The male was dropped off in the West End neighborhood, where he got in a second cab and went to the 1300 block of North Alston Avenue. The male, identified later as Shuler, was arrested after a brief foot chase on the railroad tracks near Alston Avenue. Shuler was charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon, assault by pointing a gun, possession of stolen property and communicating threats.

